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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

Issue 2 Week Ending April 2, 2006

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Agricultural Summary

Heavy rains and some snow over the past week have hampered spring planting activities, but have improved the subsoil moisture condition. Wet weather allowed farmers and ranchers 3.3 days suitable for field work compared to 2.8 days the previous week. There was very little farm activities last week while fields tried to dry out. Calving and lambing continued with very little sickness.

Field Crops Summary

Little or no spring wheat or barley has been planted in the Northern counties. Onion planting has begun, but has been limited by wet conditions. Northern county fruit trees began to bud and apricots are close to blooming. Eastern counties are reporting very good valley moisture over the past few weeks with mountain snowpack drainage above normal. The drainage is expected to improve ground quality during the upcoming grazing and growing seasons. Field activities throughout the state should begin with warmer and dryer weather.

Livestock Summary

Livestock were in excellent condition last week. Cattle producers in Eastern counties are reporting a good calving season with better than normal spring weather. Calving and lambing should continue in the coming weeks.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 2, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	16	11	19	31
Oats Planted	15	13	21	20
Spring Wheat Planted	16	10	30	37
Spring Wheat Emerged	7	3	NA	8
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	7	NA	NA	1
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	9	NA	NA	NA

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 2, 2006

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	3	2	23	62	10
Sheep	0	1	15	73	11
Cattle/calves	0	1	12	66	21

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 2, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	64	55	67	62
Sheep Sheared on Farm	54	42	37	43
Sheep Sheared on Range	25	17	26	27
Ewes Lambled on Farm	68	62	69	58
Ewes Lambled on Range	24	19	25	25

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 2, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	2	68	30
Subsoil	0	0	90	10
Irrigation water supplies	0	1	92	7
Stock water supplies	0	0	92	8